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Subject Comments for ORVAC and ORVAC web site

Hello Members,

Myself and others have been engaged in some preliminary ground truthing in order to assist NPS with their ground truthing and hunters have been engaged pre-season scouting activities. The jarhead fire has prevented public access recently and will continue to prevent access possibly until the 18th of May 2011 according to press releases.

There is an annual 60 day closure to ORV access coming up soon.

The days lost at this important time of year to hunters and the last dispersed ORV access to Corn Dance Unit for trail reconnaissance/groundtruthing activities by citizens is critically important and we need to have these lost days replaced.

*One simple method in my mind to accomplish this is to delay the start of the 60 day closure for the same number of days public access was lost due to jarhead and NPS's fire control actions.*

Some secondary trails the public has recommended will be extremely difficult for NPS or recently hired trail groundtruthing staff to locate with all the grass burned off after the fire and will very possibly require more time to locate even for those knowledgeable and who have recommended the trails.

This issue cannot wait for the normally scheduled ORVAC meeting so I am addressing this email also to the superintendent and his assistant.

Hopefully ORVAC members can contact the superintendent to support this request.

Thanks,

Frank Denninger